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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Rickey (Rick) Burnett on Friday, September 30, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on February 13, 1959, to Leroy and Bobbie Burnett; he was educated in the Chicago Public School System, where his early education began at Sumner Elementary School; he was a graduate of Lane Technical High School and furthered his education by attending Roosevelt University for several years; and

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WHEREAS, For the last 22 years, Mr. Burnett was employed by SBC Communications Telephone Company, most recently as a Cable Technician; during his employment, he mastered an advanced skill level, which allowed him to receive and be assigned complex, multiple line above and underground installations; some of his special project assignments included the Taste of Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority, and the Chicago Housing Authority, and he was one of the primary technicians servicing telephone lines at the former Cook County Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett was an active union member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 165, which later became a part of IBEW Local 21; he served as shop steward for the SBC Hasting Street garage for several years; in this role, he would vigorously defend the contract bargaining rights of his fellow co-workers during employee personnel grievance matters with SBC communications; the rights of the workers mattered most to Rick; and

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WHEREAS, Although he was born in the city, his love for the outdoors made him a true "country man"; he loved exploring the outdoors, camping, hunting, and fishing; he would often share his catch by cooking up great meals for his family and friends;

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1 music was his passion, and he enjoyed playing the trumpet and
2 organ; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of Rickey Burnett has been deeply felt
4 by many, especially his beloved companion and soul mate, Janice
5 Hill; her daughter, Mallory Jenise Hill; his parents, Mr. and
6 Mrs. Leroy Burnett; his daughters, Diana Ashley Burnett and
7 Dana Marie Burnett; his brothers, Alvin Burnett and Bobby L.
8 Burnett (Delecta); his sister, Diane Burnett Blakley
9 (William); his nephew; his two nieces; his seven aunts; his
10 five uncles; and his many close relatives and dear friends;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of Rickey (Rick) Burnett, and we extend
15 our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew
16 and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest
19 condolences.